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RELATIONS WITH CUBA

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED TODAY (2/24/75) FOR DEPT
SPOKESMAN--NO QUESTIONS ASKED AT NOON BRIEFING:

Q: HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT ON THE COLOMBIAN DECISION TO
RECOGNIZE CUBA?

A: COLOMBIA HAS FOR SOME TIME MADE KNOWN ITS BELIEF THAT
THE OAS SANCTIONS SHOULD BE LIFTED AND LAST FALL AT THE
QUITO MEETING WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE RESOLUTION TO LIFT
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. COLOMBIA'S MOVE TO RE-ESTABLISH RELA-
TIONS WITH CUBA IS CONSISTENT WITH ITS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED
RECENT VIEWS AND CONSEQUENTLY COMES AS NO SURPRISE.

Q: WAS THE U.S. INFORMED OR CONSULTED BEFOREHAND?

A: I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. HOWEVER,
WE DO ROUTINELY EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE COLOMBIAN GOVERN-
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